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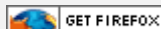
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## Behrman case to get helping hand

**U.S. Marshal's Service deputy touched by story, offers help in locating fugitive wanted for questioning**

By Laura Lane, Herald-Times Staff Writer

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Eric Behrman was staining the deck behind his house Sunday afternoon when a stranger approached. He had been ringing the doorbell, but got no response.

"He came walking across the yard and introduced himself to me," Behrman said. "He pledged to use whatever resources necessary to help the investigation."

The man was Jason Wojdylo, a new supervisory deputy with the U.S. Marshal's Service for Indiana's southern district. He had seen Behrman the night before on Fox television's "America's Most Wanted" program, talking about his daughter and pleading for information about the circumstances of her death.

Jill Behrman was 19 when she disappeared on a morning bike ride south of Bloomington May 31, 2000. Until Saturday night, Wojdylo didn't know much about the case.

But he was so affected by Behrman that he drove to his office late Saturday night and called the show's toll-free number to talk to lead investigator Detective Rick Lang, of the Indiana State Police. He offered the U.S. Marshal's Service's help in tracking down a fugitive who may have information that could help police.

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Marilyn Behrman, left, brings out some memorabilia and pictures of her daughter Jill as Deputy U.S. Marshal Jason Wojdylo, center, joins Eric Behrman and his wife on the back deck of their home for taping of a TV spot. "America's Most Wanted" sent a crew to restage this meeting with Deputy Wojdylo, who has expressed interest in the case. Staff photo by Monty Howell.

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"I am just glad the U.S. Marshal's office has offered its services to assist in this case. I will use any resource I can to bring this to a conclusion," said Lang, who fielded about three dozen calls from citizens after the show aired. "He said he was so touched by the show that he felt compelled to call me. I am heartened by the fact that we will definitely locate Kerry Silvers and at least bring him in. What he tells me remains to be seen."

Silvers is a 30-year-old man who escaped two years ago from the Orange

County Jail while jailed on a forgery charge. He has been on the run since then.

Silvers was at one time jailed with Uriah Clouse, a 28-year-old Ellettsville man police have named as a suspect in Behrman's disappearance and death. Police believe he had conversations with Clouse and may have information regarding the case.

Wojdylo and Eric Behrman sat in his back yard in lawn chairs Sunday and talked for 90 minutes about Jill and the investigation to this point.

"He told me how they could help, that their specialty is going after fugitives," Behrman said. "I think this is very good assistance to have. We all have to work together to solve this case."

Tuesday night, a crew from "America's Most Wanted" returned to Bloomington to film the Behrmans with Wojdylo and Lang as a follow-up to last Saturday's seven-minute segment.

In an e-mail, Wojdylo thanked the show's producer for the segment about the Behrman case.

"I was so terribly moved by the airing of the story on "America's Most Wanted" tonight. My eyes swelled with tears listening to Eric Behrman talking about his daughter, " he wrote.

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Marilyn Behrman, left, looks at Deputy U.S. Marshal Jason Wojdylo, center, as Wojdylo tells her husband, Eric Behrman, and her about his interest helping in their daughter's case. Jill Behrman's skeletal remains were discovered in a Morgan County field almost three years after her May 2000 disappearance. Staff photo by Monty Howell.

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